

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas E. Kocovsky Jr. on 6/4/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 2, line 2, --held and-- has been inserted after "manually".

In claim 15, line 5, --, while the user manually holds and manipulates the tool-- has been inserted after "device".

In claim 21, line 6, "," has been changed to -- as the surgeon manually holds and manipulates the tool;--

In claim 32, line 9, --as a surgeon manually holds and manipulates the tool as-- has been inserted after "tool as".

In claim 38, line 8, --as a surgeon manually holds and manipulates the tool-- has been inserted after "procedure".

In claim 52, line 11, "allowing" has been changed to --while--.

In claim 52, line 11, "to" has been deleted.

In claim 52, line 11, "grasp" has been changed to --grasps--.

In claim 52, line 11, "interact" has been changed to --interacts--.

In claim 66, line 1, "tangible" has been changed to --non-transitory--.

In claim 66, line 9, --, said surgical procedure being performed while a user manually holds and manipulates the surgical tool-- has been inserted after "procedure".

In claims 67, line 1, "tangible" has been changed to --non-transitory--.

In claims 70, line 1, "tangible" has been changed to --non-transitory--.

In claims 71, line 1, "tangible" has been changed to --non-transitory--.

In claims 72, line 1, "tangible" has been changed to --non-transitory--.

In claims 74, line 1, "tangible" has been changed to --non-transitory--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ELMER CHAO whose telephone number is (571)272-0674. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 11am-9pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Casler can be reached on (571)272-4956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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